

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An automotive gauge mounting structure engagable to an automotive vehicle interior, the structure comprising:

- a) a bracket;
- b) at least one gauge receiving aperture formed in the bracket;
- c) the aperture defining a plurality of displaceable segments and recesses extending therebetween;
- d) the segments being displaceable in response to insertion of a gauge into the aperture for friction-fit engagement of the gauge to the bracket; and
- e) the gauge having a gauge diameter and the recesses defining an aperture inner diameter, the aperture inner diameter being less than the gauge diameter.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The bracket as recited in Claim 1 ~~2~~ wherein recesses are provided with a series of radial cuts, the cuts defining additional displaceable segments therebetween.

4. (Currently Amended) The bracket as recited in Claim 1 ~~2~~ wherein the recesses define a cross-shape aperture, having a plurality of displaceable interior segments.

5. (Currently Amended) The bracket as recited in Claim 1 ~~2~~ wherein the recesses define a plurality of outer arcuate recesses and the displaceable segment defines a plurality of displaceable inner arcuate segments disposed intermediate arcuate recesses.

6. (Previously presented) The bracket of Claim 3 wherein the radial cuts are of generally equal length.

7. (Previously presented) The bracket as recited in Claim 1 wherein the aperture is generally circularly shaped.

8. (Currently Amended) The bracket as recited in Claim 7 wherein the structure comprises two apertures and each one of the apertures is of generally equivalent size.

9. (Previously presented) The bracket as recited in Claim 1 wherein the bracket includes three gauge receiving apertures formed therein.

10. (Previously presented) The bracket as recited in Claim 1 wherein the segments are equidistantly spaced around the aperture.

11. (New) The bracket as recited in Claim 1 wherein the bracket defines an interior side and an exterior side and the segments are displaceable toward the interior side of the bracket.

12. (New) The bracket as recited in Claim 11 wherein displacement of the segments in response to insertion of the gauges into the aperture deforms the segments.

13. (New) The bracket as recited in Claim 1 wherein the bracket defines an interior side, an exterior side and a receiving surface about the periphery of the aperture to receive a lip of the gauge, the gauge being insertable through the aperture from the exterior side to the interior side until the gauge lip is received by the receiving surface, and the segments being displaceable toward the interior side upon insertion of the gauge for resisting removal of the gauge from the bracket.